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Sheweth,



Hat our deep sense of the Kingdoms and
this Cities neare and impending dangers
will not suffer us longer to keep silence,
but provokes us to renew our humble
addresses to you the carefull Fathers of
this Honorable City.

We hoped that the bitteresse of death was past;
yet how doe we behold again with sadnesse of heart
our miseries afresh returning upon us. We must needs
acknowledge the just hand of God in threatening us
with new calamities, as for other our iniquities, so in
speciall for our breach of Covenant; That though
our God have graciously performed with us in com-
pleating our deliverance, yet we have refused to per-
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forme with him, whereby to give him just occasion to
cause his destroying sword to enter the second time to
avenge the quarrell of his broken Covenant upon our
heads.

In this juncture of time we cannot but declare to all
the world, that we would be so far from being the in-
centives of another War, that we doe even abhor the
very mention of it: & doubt not but Divine vengeance
will certainly find out those that shall be found fomen-
ters of the same, whereby to frustrate the expected
hopes of the happy enjoyment of a blessed peace, the
desired fruit of all our prayers, with the expence of so
much blood and wealth; The dreadfull thoughts of
the ensuing miseries which must needs befall this
Kingdome by such a curs'd Designe, doth make our
hearts to tremble, though in the goodnesse of our
God we trust, that he will blast it in the root, and bee
the Rock of our salvation.

But lest we should any wayes be guilty of our own
and this Kingdomes ruine through our silence and se-
curity in this time of streight and exigency, we have
thought fit to make this application through you the
Worthy Senators of this famous City to the Parlia-
ment of *England*, (the Ancient refuge of the oppressed
in this Kingdome) and in all humility doe pray;

That you will please to become Suiters to both the
Honorab! Houses in your own and our names,
That a solemn day bee speedily appointed to seek
Almighty God by humiliation, to turne his fierce
wrath away, which threatens to consume this
Land; and for his gracious blessing and direction
to such a speedy and effectual course for settling of
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the peace and happin^{ess} both of Church and State, as may hopefully put an issue to our present miseries, and remove our fetters of future dangers.

For which end to desire, That his Royall Majesty may come to his Parliament in honor and safety, that they may have opportunity to make unto him such addresses as may produce a happy close between him and his Parliaments of both Kingdomes, (the likeliest meanes under God to reconcile our unhappy differences) that once more (to the joy of our hearts) we may see his Majesty establish again upon his Throne in peace, to rule in righteousness and truth.

And further to desire their honors, (for the vindication of this present Parliament, and satisfaction to the Kingdom) that all such as are under age, outlawed persons, and others unduly elected, may, without delay be expelled the Honorable House of Commons. And for future right constitution of Parliaments, and preservation of the Liberties and Rights of the people, That it may by a Law be made, felony or treason for any of what quality or degree soever by fraud, force, feare, letters, purchase, promises, or by any other indirect meanes, contrary to the peoples Liberties to endeavour the election of any Knights, Citizens, or Burgeses to sit in Parliament, or for any Sheriffe, Major, or Bayliffe to retard elections, or to make delatory or undue returns: And that the issuing out of Writs for elections, may be no longer delayed for time to come.

That all arbitrary Committees throughout the

Kingdoms may speedily be suppress.
 That the Lands or Moneys bestowed on Members of either Houses of Parliament by gratuity or reparations may be restored to the publique Treasury, and respited untill the publique debts of the Kingdome, especially those of the Souldiery be first satisfied; And that special care may speedily be taken for their indemnity and full discharge of their Arreares with all convenient expedition.

That power be given to the Committees of accounts of the Kingdome, not only to audit and inquire into the accounts of Committees, and such as have relation thereunto, and al others as have had to do in the publike moneys, but to punish the persons they find faulty in their accounts, either corporally or otherwise, according to the nature and quality of their offences, and that if any, in either of the Honorable Houses shall be found guilty herein, and to have defrauded the State, or shall refuse to come to their respective accounts, that then they would speedily vindicate their own honor by inflicting upon them suitable condigne punishment.

That there may be a free and interrupted course of justice according to the Law of the Land, and that all businesse determinable by Law may be thither refer'd.

That all persons of what degree or condition soever be left subject to processe of Law for recovery of just debts.

That for the ease and benefit of the Subjects some course may be settled; whereby all actions of an inferiour nature may receive a speedy determination in the respective Counties where the businesse doth depend: And

That

That for the ease and encouragement of Merchants, and benefit of trade, some speedy and effectually way be thought upon; and put in execution for dispatching and regulating of Maritime affairs.

Thus having made knowne the substance of our desires to this Honorable Court, where in wee humbly doe intreate their mediation to the Honorable Houses (in which, if satisfaction shall be given, we hope it may be a strong ingagement upon the Army peaceably to disband) we further earnestly doe pray.

That some effectually provision in your wisdomes be made out of hand for security of this great City against its present threatening and approaching dangers, whether from with in or from without.

And to desire, that, as the Army will make appeare to us and al the world the reality of their affections to the welfare of this populous City, so they would withdraw 40 miles distance from the same, thereby to prevent all discontents that may arise from the scarcety or dearenesse of provision, which may occasion the putting this City into some extraordinary posture for their owne defence: Both which will unavoidably follow upon the continuance of their so near approach.

And that they may be desired further to manifest their resolutions and intentions for the peace and safety of the Kingdomes by restoring the Kings Majesties Person, and observing the Commandes
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and directions of both the Honourable Houses of
Parliament whose honour and preserva-
tion in their just and lawfull Rights and Privi-
leges, we are resolved though we bee otherwise
asperst to the utmost of our power, to the hazard
of our lives and fortunes, against any force or ter-
our whatsoever by Gods assistance, according to
our Covenant to maintain.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

The House of Commons in your wife-
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and safety of the Kingdoms by affecting the Kinges
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